

### **III. PERSONNEL**

#### **H. Maltreatment and Corporal Punishment of Children in Custody:**

1. Maltreatment, including the use of degrading or corporal punishment, by a child placing agency or residential child caring agency on foster children is strictly forbidden by the Department. If any Department staff or providers suspect that a child in custody is being maltreated or that corporal or degrading punishment is being used at the agency or Resource Home, a formal report must be made. Examples of degrading punishment include: harsh and humiliating punishment, (including physical or emotional abuse) or verbal abuse of a child and derogatory remarks about a child and/or his family (see appendix I).